

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BUILDING REHABILITATION **APPEALS BOARD** SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 3 VOTES

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board which provide for abatement of public nuisance at the following locations for approval:

3744 Lanfranco Street, Los Angeles 1132 Broadmoor Avenue, La Puente

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Building Code, provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99. The Building Code also provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board, appointed by your Board, for the purpose of hearing appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owners be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance by the County. However, your Board adopted modified procedures which delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to your Board.

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## <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well-Being as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions which constitute a public nuisance. It will require the removal of trash, junk, debris, inoperable vehicles, and overgrown vegetation from private property.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No negative fiscal impact or increase in net County cost.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of substandard properties. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties to be a public nuisance.

Your Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before your Board.

## **ADDRESS: 3744 Lanfranco Street, Los Angeles**

**FINDING AND ORDERS:** The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by July 9, 2002, and maintained cleared thereafter. b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by July 9, 2002.

#### **List of Defects**

 Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.

- 2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance.
- 3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
- 4. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
- 5. Garbage cans stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.
- 6. Wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicles or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

#### **ADDRESS: 1132 Broadmoor Avenue, La Puente**

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- 1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
- 2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance.
- 3. Attractive nuisances dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken equipment, neglected machinery, and a refrigerator.
- 4. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
- 5. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
- 6. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.

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7. Garbage cans and plastic containers stored in front or side yards and visible from

public streets.

8. Mobile equipment stored for unreasonable periods of time in yard areas contiguous

to streets.

9. Inoperable vehicles and parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the

premises.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)** 

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION** 

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's findings that the listed properties are substandard because they are injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstruct the free use of neighboring property so as to interfere with the

comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

At such time as this recommendation is adopted, please return an approved copy of this letter

to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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